

Alaskan subsistence whale hunt, I believe expenditures for the hunt should be treated as charitable donations under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. I ask my fellow Members to join with me in clarifying the Federal Tax Code to make this a reality for these Native whaling captains.

RECOGNITION OF ORLANDO
YARBOROUGH AND GROUP

HON. ROBERT L. EHRLICH, JR.

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 1995

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to publicly recognize an outstanding group of people in my district. Because of the great number of outstanding citizens in the Second District of Maryland, I am hesitant to single out one particular example. This group, however, has been selected for a great honor on behalf of the United States, and should be so recognized.

Mr. Orlando Yarbrough works with at-risk youngsters in the Essex-Middle River area of Baltimore County. This area is a very strong, working class area that has been slow to recover from the most recent recession. Therefore, opportunities for young people to get involved in programs that give them self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment are critical.

Mr. Yarbrough developed an after school personal power package for kids. Participants sign a contract to improve their bodies as well as their minds in activities done at the Body Mechanics Family Fitness Center. The program encompasses academic and physical exercises, community service, and a discussion of personal improvement. The contract also specifies that participants will not smoke, fight, use profane language, nor use drugs or alcohol.

The program has the enthusiastic support and financial backing of many local business and community groups, as well as prominent members of the community at large.

Mr. Speaker, recently Mr. Yarbrough's group was selected to attend ceremonies commemorating the 1,500th anniversary of the founding of the Shaolin Temple in mainland China. The selection was based on the program's emphasis on discipline, perseverance, and character development. They are the only U.S. citizens to be invited to this very historic event. While in China, the team will be training, performing demonstrations, speaking at local schools, and generally acting as good will ambassadors of the United States. They will be introducing American ideas and culture to their hosts as well as bringing some of China's rich culture and heritage back to share with their friends and families.

This, Mr. Speaker, is what I want America to stand for: kids who take the responsibility to constructively improve themselves and their communities without turning to the evils of substance abuse or crime. Similarly, we should honor adults like Mr. Yarbrough who care enough about their communities and their kids to put forth the effort in making programs like this work.

Mr. Speaker, I could not be more proud of Mr. Yarbrough and his kids. They are our future. And I want to recognize Mr. Yarbrough and everyone else connected with this noble

endeavor. The sacrifices made by the community on behalf of each child will pay many dividends in the form of productive, well-rounded citizens.

AMERICAN CHILDREN DESERVE
EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

HON. THOMAS J. BLILEY, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 1995

Mr. BLILEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend to the attention of Members the following article by Walter Williams which appeared in the June 23, 1995, Richmond Times Dispatch. I believe Mr. Williams' remarks paint an honest portrait of the debate surrounding the critical need for school choice.

[From the Richmond Times Dispatch, June 23, 1995]

BLACK VICTIMS OF LIBERALS WANT CHOICE IN
EDUCATION

(By Walter Williams)

The nation's capital provides one of the best examples of the destructiveness of liberal ideas. Washington used to be a thriving city where free persons of color and freed slaves established flourishing family businesses. As early as 1899, the black students of Washington's Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School scored higher than any of the white schools in the District of Columbia. From 1870 to 1955, most Dunbar graduates went to colleges like Oberlin, Harvard, Amherst, Williams, and Wesleyan. Washington was home to a broad, upwardly mobile black middle class.

All that has changed. According to Philip Murphy's article in Policy Review, Washington has "the highest per-capita murder and violent-crime rates, the highest percentage of residents on public assistance, the highest-paid school board, the lowest SAT scores, the most single-parent families, and the most lawyers per capita."

People are fleeing Washington in droves. During the second half of the 1980s alone, over 157,000—one-fifth of Washington's population—moved. This exodus disproportionately consisted of black households earning between \$30,000 and \$50,000 a year. Today, Washington's population is 578,000, down from a peak of 800,000.

To blame racism for Washington's emergence into a bankrupted Third-World-type city requires a lot of imagination. Washington is a city where the mayor is black, the chief of police is black, the school superintendent is black, and most of the city council is black. Can we blame poor revenue sources? According to Murphy, the city takes in an astonishing \$8,950 in revenue for every man, woman, and child in its jurisdiction. That's to be compared to \$4,000 and \$3,700 in nearby Maryland and Virginia, respectively. Nonetheless, the city is in receivership. Its bonds have achieved junk status because it manages to spend \$1,000 more per person than it receives in revenue.

Washington's story can be told in varying degrees in other predominantly black cities. The story is a monument to the failure of the liberal ideas of Democrats, black politicians, and civil-rights organizations. Liberals have convinced blacks that we deal with crime not by arresting and locking up criminals but by searching for crime's original causes. This theory gives criminals carte blanche to prey on law-abiding citizens. Liberals have convinced blacks that we deal with education fraud by spending more

money to create programs that fall just short of lunacy. Liberals don't expose their children to this nonsense—they enroll their children in private schools.

Victims of the liberals are mostly poor, black people who have few options—such as Sheila Stamps, a widowed mother of five living in a housing project. She complains, "You can't let the children out by themselves, and the playground is littered with intravenous needles." Like most black parents, Ms. Stamps wants school choice, saying: "Any child in this city should be able to go to the best schools. If they meet the criteria, let them go." But her liberal "benefactors" say no.

When black Americans finally come to the full realization of what liberals have done to them, it's going to make last November's political revolution look like a Girl Scout outing.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS HAVE
LUNCH WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, those who believe that youth are not interested in public affairs have not met the eighth grade class at Churchville Junior High in Elmhurst, IL. In a contest, sponsored by the school's social studies department, the students were asked to write an essay entitled, "Why I would like to have lunch with Representative Hyde." The students used the opportunity to voice opinions on a wide range of issues. Many also expressed interest in running for public office and making positive contributions to government in the future. I would like to share with my colleagues the six winning essays, I and am happy to report that we had lunch and discussed some of the students' concerns and questions about political office.

HENRY HYDE

(By Gwen Infusino)

I wish to have lunch with the prominent politician, Henry Hyde. I would very much enjoy expressing my political opinions. I would enjoy meeting him because I want to know about the life of a politician. Also, I am interested in the way government works.

I would very much enjoy expressing my political opinions. I'm concerned about society, environment, and many other issues. I'm happy to imagine that I just might make a difference. I'm sure Mr. Hyde is open to all kinds of opinions and suggestions.

I would enjoy meeting him because I want to know about the life of a politician. At this point in time, many people my age are making career decisions. These will affect us for the rest of our lives. If I find a politician's life appealing, I might choose to get into that field.

I am interested in the way government works. America is where I live, and so will all of our children. I want to learn a bit about our system so I know how it works and how safe it makes it for us all. I feel knowing about our political and judicial system is a must for us all.

In conclusion, I would like to meet Henry Hyde for three prominent reasons. I want to know about the life of a politician. I am interested in expressing my political opinions. I want to ask him about our government and the way it works.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO EAT LUNCH WITH
CONGRESSMAN HYDE

(By Jodi Carnevale)

For a thirteen year old I have very strong opinions that I share with people to show them how I feel. Congressman Hyde did the same thing. That is why I would be honored to eat lunch with him and talk one on one.

Congressman Hyde had made a presentation on abortions and why he was very anti-abortion. I was lucky enough to hear his presentation, and even get a cassette tape of the speech. I have the same morals on abortion that he does, and I find it interesting that someone older than me has the same feelings I do about abortions. It would be an exciting, as well as educational experience for me to tell him how I feel, and to tell him that as a kid, I greatly respect him for having such strong feelings, and publicly addressing them on such a strong world-wide debate. I would also like to know if since he addressed his opinion on abortions publicly if he has received any remarks on his position regarding abortions. It's not very likely that someone with as much authority as Congressman Hyde states his position. I admire that greatly.

I also believe it would be fun to talk to him one on one to find out his positions on other world-wide problems. I would like to know if he has made a speech about any other topic, and if so, where you can find them, because his speeches make an impact on me and I would like to have more.

That is why I would like to eat lunch with Congressman Hyde, I respect him for telling the truth, and I know he is open and willing to state his opinion on issues as big as abortions. I would also like to go out with him because I would just like to tell him how much I admire his way of speaking out to people.

WHY I WANT TO GO TO LUNCH WITH HENRY
HYDE

(By Melissa Greco)

I would like to go to lunch with Henry Hyde because it will expand my knowledge in social sciences and in politics. I am very interested in people's opinions and I would like to ask Mr. Henry Hyde some questions of my own. I have lots of respect for people involved in making our government work and settling laws. I have lots of opinions of my own and I would love to represent Churchville.

Some topics that I would like to discuss with Congressman Hyde are: gun control, abortion, our national debt, and the baseball strike. I want to know if he thinks that guns should be outlawed or if they should remain on the streets. Then I would discuss my opinion on this matter. I also want to know if he believes in abortion and his reasoning. Another issue I would like to ask him about is the baseball strike. Does he believe that the players or the owners are being unfair? I would also like to know what he is doing to help reduce our national debt. I would also like to ask Congressman Hyde what laws he is trying to pass now.

I will represent Churchville by displaying well behaved manners. I always respect my elders and am very polite to others. I would love to have the honor of representing Churchville and meeting Mr. Henry Hyde.

I think that politics is very interesting and one day I would like to become a part of it and represent, not only Churchville but the United States. This opportunity would bring me one step closer toward this goal. As I mentioned, I would like to hear out Mr. Henry Hyde's ideas and reasoning on important issues that we are dealing with in our society everyday.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO LUNCH WITH
REPRESENTATIVE HYDE

(By Megan Guimon)

I think that being able to go out to lunch with Representative Hyde would be a great privilege, and something we will probably never again have the chance to experience. As eighth graders, this is our last year attending Churchville, and this would be a perfect last memory of it. My Uncle Roy McCampbell is a trustee in Leyden Township, and I have heard Representative Hyde's name since I was little. I think it would be great to finally get to meet him in person, and actually get to talk to him. I think that it would be very fascinating to hear ideas and views from a person that has such a great deal to do with the outcome of them. I don't know very much on the government system, and it seems like a lot of work, with very many obligations and pressures attached to it. Though I know in my heart that I will never get into politics as a career, I still believe that it is very important to understand and experience all different areas. I know that a chance like this is very rare, and this is why I felt that I should try to get involved. I think that it is very important for kids our age to understand or at least acknowledge our government system. That's why I believe that this is such a perfect chance for all of us. I think that it is completely different than listening to an already prepared speech. I think that this is such a terrific program that Churchville has setup, and Representative Hyde has fit us into his surely tight schedule, and I hope to be a part of it.

WHY I WOULD WANT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH
HENRY HYDE

(By Joy Tetrick)

I would very much enjoy having lunch with Dupage County Representative, Henry Hyde. It would be a very honorable and memorable experience.

One reason I would like to go to lunch with Henry Hyde is to find out the answers to some questions I have. It would be interesting to see what he does all day, how stable is his job, to find out how they come up with new laws, how much he has to work a week, etc. It would also be interesting to find out how he got in politics, like if he was a lawyer and then decided to try out for a position. I would also want to know if he enjoys his job, if it's pressuring at times, how his family feels about it.

Henry Hyde is very well respected and again, it would be an honor to have lunch with him. I would be on my best behavior at all times if I was chosen, and I think I would be a good representative of Churchville Junior High School.

I would also like to talk to him about some ideas I have. One idea is about Salt Creek. I live right by Salt Creek so I know how polluted it is. It is so polluted that York High School wouldn't let my brothers class test some things out because it was too dangerous.

It would also be neat to see a bigger recycling program. In our school were have a recycling program for paper but I'm talking about going farther than that. I'm talking about having a recycling program for the cafeteria. For Styrofoam, plastic, etc. It would be neat to have it in all schools in DuPage county. Also, to have recycling programs for home. I know Elmhurst has one but Addison doesn't. In Addison you have to buy plastic bags. Most people don't want to buy them. It would be neat to see all DuPage county doing these ideas.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LUNCH WITH
REPRESENTATIVE HYDE

(By Heidi Wilberschied)

I can't even begin to tell you all the reasons I want to go! In fact when I first heard about it I told my whole family! (I was very excited). These are some of the reasons I want to go: It's a chance of a life time, I've got a lot of questions, I want to know how it feels to be in this position, and most importantly I want to be in a similar position when I grow up.

It's definitely a chance of a lifetime. I've always had dreams of meeting the president, not to mention being the president. Representative Hyde is just as important. Also, I don't know anyone who's had such a chance like this, it's one of the highest privileges I can think of.

I have many questions, such as, "What do you exactly do? Do you agree with other senator's opinions? Do you enjoy your job?" There is so much an 8th grader is deprived of knowing on this subject. (Although it isn't due to Mr. Caldwell's and Mr. Heap's expertise in the field of Social Science/Studies.)

I want to know how it feels to be in this position. It's a great honor. He hold's many people's trust and opinions. After all that's how he got chosen. Is his position stressful or successful?

Most importantly I want to be in a similar position when I grow up. Ever since I was young I've been interested and intrigued by our government. I've wanted to be in a government position for four years. I know it's a big dream, and I know it will take many years of hard work, but I want it. I want to hold a high government position, so you can be sure I'll get it. That's why I want this opportunity so much, I need much information and education now so I can start forming opinions now, so I'll be familiar and knowledgeable in this field in my upcoming years.

To conclude my points; It's a chance of a life time, I've got a lot of questions, I want to know how it is to be in this position, and I want to be in this position. I really want to go.

IN APPRECIATION OF CHRISTIAN
RELIEF SERVICES ON THEIR
10TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 1995

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Christian Relief Services, an international, charitable organization located in Lorton, VA. Throughout its 10-year history, Christian Relief Services has always had one overriding goal: to help those in need both in the United States and around the world.

From the hollows of Appalachia and the barren plains of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, to a children's home in Kenya and the first pediatric hospital in Haiti, and to the children of Chernobyl in Ukraine, Christian Relief Services has touched lives.

Just minutes from this building are some of the poorest neighborhoods of Washington, DC. Just minutes from this building are children who go to bed hungry every night, who wake up hungry the next morning, who never have enough to eat. Christian Relief Services, through its food distribution programs, has reached these people. Working with local churches and civic organizations, over